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## QUEER VIEWS FOUND AMONGST THE CITIZENSHIP

Mr. Citizen: If some philanthropist should come along and suggest a hundred dollar improvement that is badly needed on your farm and offer to pay \$75 of it if you would furnish the other \$25, would you do it?

If you turned the offer down would you expect to be allowed to run at large, or would you expect to be sent to the Feeble Minded Institute or the insane asylum?

If you were summoned to serve on a jury to try a neighbor who had turned down the offer what would be your verdict?

Do you think all farmers and merchants and professional men would accept such a proposition? No, you are mistaken. The bug houses would be filled to overflowing in a week and a lot of them sitting on the roof.

Some fellows would refuse the offer because they didn't have the \$25 just now in cash and they don't believe in going into debt under any circumstances whatever. No-o-o-o. Stree-e-e! You couldn't hire me to borrow any money! I wouldn't borrow \$25 if you would make me a present of \$75 because I have said I don't believe in going into debt. (No chance for a fellow like that in this world or the next.)

Then we find the fellow who would turn the offer down because he doesn't believe anybody would make such a liberal offer and he knows there is a scheme in it somewhere and he is too smart to bite at anybody's bait.

Another misguided man refuses it because it would add \$100 valuation to his property, costing him one dollar more per year in taxes. Doesn't want the value of his land increased, no matter how much easier and more pleasant life will be for him. He is satisfied to tug around in the same old rut, like a Chinaman.

Another turns it down because a neighbor who has a lot of money and an automobile is advising everybody to accept the offer "and I'm just a poor man and against everything that other fellow is for, no matter what it is." That's one of the reasons he is poor. The wrong spirit actuates him in all things.

Then we come to the man who has no land, but who must earn whatever he gets by the sweat of his brow. He is in demand to do the work of improvement proposed by the philanthropist. You guess he would consider it a proposition that his employers and neighbors should grab. No. He finds some of the most unique and idiotic excuses ever devised. He is "agin the government" and doesn't know why. Also, we have with us the fellow who is always afraid the goblins will get him. He is afraid somebody will graft. Therefore, he will keep his 25 cents and let the 75c go to the man who says, "No, there will be no graft; we will require public accounting for every dollar handled."

But it is comforting to find also a large number of farmers and other people who take the broad, rational view that we must keep step with the world's progress. That we can not progress without good roads. That they are worth more than they cost. That products of the farm are made more valuable as the means of getting them to market are improved. That our short lives are lengthened and made more livable by being lifted out of the mud. That bad roads are the most expensive impediments we have in Lawrence county.

The United States government and the State of Kentucky are offering to pay 75 per cent of the cost of good roads in Lawrence county. The county is asked to pay only 25 per cent. Other States and counties are grabbing for the money so fast that if Lawrence doesn't hustle she will not get any of it, even if she wants it.

There is no use to go after it on a small scale because every community insists that if only one road is to be built in the county it must go their way, and fearing it will not, they will vote against an appropriation. The way to do it is to vote a bond issue, big enough to build all main roads, so that everybody can selfishly vote for it.

A bond issue of \$500,000 will give us two million dollars with which to build roads in Lawrence county, and the beautiful part of it is that three-fourths of this is outside money given to us by those two great philanthropists, the State and Nation.

A bond issue of this kind could be authorized by a vote of the people so that as many bonds could be used each year as it was found practicable to use. The object in voting on the total amount that will be needed within three or four years is to make one election answer for the entire proposition.

Our neighbor county of Wayne, W. Va., last year voted a million dollar bond issue for themselves. Surely we can do one-third or one-half as well as they can.

Our greatest need is good roads. We must have them or lose the most progressive part of our citizenship. For years we have been losing good farmers who have moved to where the good roads exist already.

This thing of building roads is simply a big business proposition. There is not a large business in existence that does not borrow money. There is not a business man anywhere who has made notable success without borrowing money. Roads will pay for themselves. This has been demonstrated hundreds of times.

The State and National engineers look after the construction of these

roads and the expenditure of the money, so there will be no danger of graft. Also, in an order of court covering this matter it would be wise to name an advisory board of leading business men of Lawrence county to have a voice in the entire matter of handling these road matters.

The soldier boys are returning home with new ideals of progress. They have seen the world and they realize that good roads are an absolute necessity to prosperity. If we are to hold these boys here on the farms we must wake up and give them a chance to put into effect the better things they have seen.

Let's get busy and build a good system of roads. Never before did we have such a splendid opportunity.

The money spent will stay right in the county, helping everybody who has energy enough or business enough to merit any of it.

We are already paying five per cent road tax to the State and the wide awake counties are getting it all. The only way for us to save ourselves is to get it back from the State in the way the other counties get it.

## OIL DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN KENTUCKY

In the Big Sandy district of Eastern Kentucky the drill is being pushed with great vigor in Johnson, Floyd, Knott and other pools, where the deeper sands have yielded such excellent results as to make the territory one of much promise. In Johnson county the Bourbon Oil company has a 500,000 cubic foot gasser in an ad-

vanced test at Ellettsburg. New gas developments along Pidgeon creek have proved a territory of wide extent, and several of these wells show a flow in excess of 2,000,000 cubic feet. In Floyd-co., another promising oil and gas district, five wells have been drilled lately around the town of Prestonburg, and all show a good oil production from the deep sand. These wells are being connected up this week.

## Louisa Man Gets Five Years for Robbery

It is reported that Tom Henson, of Louisa, has been sent from Greenup county to the penitentiary for five years for highway robbery. The information coming to us is that on Thursday night two weeks ago he held up an Italian at Chinnville, Greenup county, and took his money. He was arrested when about to cross the river to fronton. Circuit court being in session he was indicted and tried and on Saturday is said to have arrived at the penitentiary. Quick work. It is said Tom had two other men arrested for the crime, but the victim of the robbery identified Tom as the only man on the job.

This is Henson's second conviction for highway robbery. He served a term a few years ago for a crime committed at the depot in Louisa.

## PASTOR RECEIVES BIRTHDAY RAISE

Rev. Roscoe Murray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Kenova, received a handsome present from his congregation which remembered his birthday by advising him of a \$300 increase in his annual salary. He received the advice last Sunday while he and Rev. J. R. Reynolds, pastor of the Washington avenue Baptist church, were quietly spending the afternoon of the anniversary, which fell for both on the same day at Mr. Murray's Kenova home. The word was brought by his board of deacons.—Huntington Herald.

## D. CHAFFIN IN GERMANY.

Dennie Chaffin writes from Andernach, Germany, Feb. 19 to relatives at Christmas, this country. He is stationed about 10 miles from Coblenz and considers himself lucky to have escaped being wounded as he was in such dangerous places. He says they are lonesome without air raids and big guns shooting. G. I. cans and 3-inch shells which they dodged by running into dugouts.

Mr. Chaffin hopes to be home in April to assist in farming, but does not know yet when they will sail. He has been in the army a year. His address is Pvt. Dennie Chaffin, C. A. 1st Pioneer Inf., American E. F.

## AMERICANS MUST PAY AS THEY GO

Coblenz.—All indebtedness contracted by Americans within the occupied territories of Germany will be paid immediately. Authorization to this effect was obtained by the Third army today and from this date on the Americans will pay their way as they go. The money to pay the back bills and the bills of the future will be requisitioned from Berlin, the army thus relieving the civilians of the occupied territory from taking the chances of collecting from the German government.

## REVOLVER FALLS TO FLOOR, KILLING YOUTH

Ashland, Ky.—Harry Wheeler, 16 years old, was fatally shot as he was spreading the cover over a pool table here when a loaded revolver dropped to the floor and was discharged accidentally. He lived but a short time. He was the son of H. C. Wheeler.

Word has been received by Mrs. Mary Burns Horton that her son, John B. Horton, has sailed from France for the United States. He is to arrive about March 13.

## TWO DEALS IN BUSINESS PROPERTY

Dr. C. B. Walters has purchased from John M. Mounts for \$5,000 the combined business and residence property on Main Cross street, opposite the court house and adjoining the Brunswick Hotel. Mr. Mounts bought this property from A. J. Garred about a year ago. It includes the store room occupied by J. Israelsky.

Dr. Walters will resume the practice of dentistry, using a portion of the building.

This property is well located. It was erected by Leo Frank while he was postmaster at Louisa.

**Buy Store Building.**  
Queen & Lambert have purchased from E. E. Shannon the store room in which they conduct their grocery store and meat market. The purchase includes the lot running through the narrow alley adjoining P. H. Vaughan.

## President Wilson's Speech in New York

New York.—President Wilson told the American people in an address here on the eve of his return to Paris that he was going back to the peace conference to battle with renewed vigor for the creation of a League of Nations.

"The first thing I am going to tell them is that an overwhelming majority of the American people is in favor of the League of Nations," said the President.

Speaking after former President Taft had expanded the main features of the proposed covenant of nations, Mr. Wilson told the vast audience, which filled the Metropolitan Opera House, his opinions of opponents of the league plan in America.

"No party has the right to appropriate this issue, and no party will in the long run dare oppose it," he asserted.

Asserting that the League of Nations is "meant as a notice to all outlaw nations" that the great peoples of the world no longer will tolerate international crimes, the President said that "Europe is a bit sick at heart at this very moment, because it sees that statesmen have had no vision, and that the only vision has been the vision of the people."

"And I am amazed—not alarmed, but amazed, that there should be in some quarters such a comprehensive ignorance of the state of the world," continued Mr. Wilson. "Those gentlemen do not know what the mind of men is just now. Everybody else does."

"I do not know where they have been closed. I do not know by what influences they have been blinded; but I do know that they have been separated from the general currents of the thought of mankind."

"And I want to utter this solemn warning, not in the way of a threat; the forces of the world do not threaten, they operate. The great tides of the world do not give notice that they are going to rise and run; they rise in their majesty and overwhelming might and those who stand in the way are overwhelmed. Now the heart of the world is awake and the heart of the world must be satisfied."

## Soldier Must Send Original Discharge

Washington.—Payment to discharged soldiers of the \$30 bonuses authorized by the last Congress is being delayed by failure of the soldiers to comply with the requirements of the law. War Department disbursing officials announced that thousands of soldiers had sent "true copies" of their discharge papers and that payment of the bonuses would be delayed until the original copies are sent. In cases where the original certificates have been lost it was stated, the original order for discharge must be submitted.

## SHARPERS SWINDLING SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

Washington.—War Department and Postoffice officials are planning a vigorous campaign against swindlers who are again seeking to defraud relatives of soldiers through telegrams and letters. Complaints from relatives, it was learned today, are again reaching the department showing that demobilization has given a better opportunity for such criminal operations.

The usual practice is for the swindler to obtain the names of relatives of a soldier from the published casualty lists. A telegram signed in the soldier's name is sent, saying he is free to come home on furlough if his relatives wire money for the trip, and in filing the message the sender waives identification and asks his relatives to do the same. Sometimes relatives are asked to send the money to the soldier, care of general delivery, at the city postoffice.

A similar outbreak occurred during the war, but was checked by the warning to relatives sent out by the War Department through the press. Officials said that in no case should relatives waive complete identification in transmitting funds to soldiers.

## EASTER BAZAAR.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, South, will hold their Easter bazaar on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 in the basement of the church. If.

## FUNERAL OF CHILD.

On last Friday afternoon at two o'clock the funeral of Lawrence, infant son of Rev. A. C. Bostwick and wife, was held from the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. H. O. Chambers, pastor of the M. E. Church South, conducted the service in a very impressive manner. Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Baptist church, read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir with a solo by Miss Gladys Atkins.

Many sympathetic friends attended the service. Relatives who came from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wilson of Ironton, O., Mr. Andrew Calms of Kenova, W. Va., father of Mrs. Bostwick, and her sister and brother-in-law of Roanoke, Va. Interment was made in Pine Hill cemetery.

## BUSINESS MEN MEET.

The Business Men's Association held its second meeting at the city hall Tuesday night. The President, W. E. Queen, was kept away by illness, and C. F. See, Jr., presided.

A number of boosting speeches were made and the proper spirit was manifested throughout the meeting.

It is the intention of the organization to go out after industries as soon as possible. There are many kinds that would flourish here if established under the right management.

The next meeting will be held March 25, at which time by-laws will be adopted.

There is much good work that can be accomplished by this organization if all will take proper interest.

## A BODY SHIPPED BACK.

The body of Cynthia M. Hall was shipped through here to Paintsville Tuesday. She died at Portsmouth and it was intended to bury the body at the old home in Johnson-co., but the roads were so bad it was impossible to get out to the desired place in the country. The remains were shipped back to Portsmouth, passing through here Wednesday.

## AGED CITIZEN DIES.

George Skeen, an aged citizen of this county, died on Wednesday morning at his home on Fullers branch. He was 82 years old. Several children survive, among whom are Prof. J. F. Skeen, of Leesburg, Florida, and Mrs. James Grubb, of Rose, Oklahoma.

Mr. Skeen died at the home of his son, Sam. The funeral was conducted Thursday by Rev. H. B. Hewlett and burial took place at Fullers.

## "UNCLE AL" HAYS VISITS RELATIVES IN ASHLAND

The Ashland Independent says: Mr. Allen Hayes, of Lawrence county, was in Ashland on business. Mr. Hayes possibly enjoys distinction of having the largest family in Lawrence county. He has thirteen children, ninety-two grandchildren, and forty-eight great-grandchildren. He is 75 years old and his wife before marriage was Miss Julia Carter. Mr. Hayes who has a number of relatives in Ashland is a prosperous farmer, and for eight years he was jailer of Lawrence county.

## LOUISA BOY WRITES FROM GERMANY

Mrs. Wm. Justice, of this city, received the following letter:

Company "K", 4th Infantry,  
A. E. F., Army of Occupation,  
February 11, 1919.

Dear Mother:

Seven months ago today I boarded a steamer for Europe and I am wondering if within seven months from today I can board one for the good old U. S. A. But my chances are very slim as I am a member of the Army of Occupation which I will tell you more about later. The greater part of the seven months I have been in Europe has been spent in active fighting with the Hun, and I have the honor of being a member of the regiment that helped turn the tide of the war by stopping the Huns in their bold attempt to cross the Marne river near Chateau Thierry July 15, 1918.

The Army of Occupation is composed of seven Regular Army Divisions which will remain on German soil as long as needed, but Army officials say that if peace is signed in June the last American will be home by Christmas. Sure had a grand time on our march to the Rhine. Was one month on the road hiking at the rate of ten kilometers a day.

There has been some loose talk here lately of the Americans marching on to Berlin, and imaginative minds have pictured an American army marching through Germany and thence through Russia, and finally landing not at Hoboken, but at San Francisco. Certainly we feel no enthusiasm for the project, striking though it may seem, for we prefer the quicker route across the Atlantic. To get out of Germany and once more home is all we desire. The part of Germany we are now in is sure more attractive than the shell shattered regions of France we once knew, but life is very dull here and there is nothing to show for our patience. Meanwhile we are making ourselves at home as much as possible, but there is no evidence that we are in love with the Germans.

Received the Big Sandy News today. Although it was several weeks old it was precious news to me. Give my regards to all. Trusting you are enjoying the best of health I remain, Lovingly your son,  
CPL. SHAFER JUSTICE.

## BUSINESS COLLEGE GRADUATES A CLASS

A class of 21 young persons was graduated from the business department of Kentucky Normal College last Tuesday night. The exercises took place at the M. E. Church South and were witnessed by a large gathering of people.

The program opened with a violin solo by Miss Agnes Abbott, accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Miller. The college faculty and students of the business department marched into the auditorium and occupied reserved seats in front. They were followed by the graduates, who proceeded to the platform.

Rev. H. O. Chambers announced the numbers on the program, calling upon Rev. J. T. Pope, of the Baptist church, to lead in prayer.

Mr. M. S. Burns was the speaker of the occasion and he made a very appropriate and entertaining address. The diplomas were delivered by M. F. Conley.

The graduating class made a fine appearance. All the young ladies were dressed alike, in serge suits. There was only one young man in the class.

Following are their names: Lucy Chapman, Ella Norton, Eleanor Simpson, Myrtle Smith, Susie Highberger, Mayme Skeens, Velma Norton, Clara Queen, Virginia Roberts Clara Bromley, Annis Evans, Gladys Land, Della Picklesimer, Charleen Waller, Dixie Byington, Goldia Byington Pepples, Roy Runyon, Rebekah Lackey, Pearl Blankenship, Nancy Roberts Swetnam, Esther Waller.

The K. N. C. business department is under good management. A large number of graduates have already gone out from this school and almost without exception they are doing well. This class is made up of bright young people who are competent to succeed.

## EASTERN KENTUCKY BOYS AWARDED MEDALS

Among seven Kentuckians awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Pershing, in the name of the President, for following acts of extraordinary heroism described after their names, are the following from Eastern Kentucky:

Private Plummer Evans, deceased, Co. D, 11th M. G. Bn. For extraordinary heroism in action near Verdun, France, Oct. 11, 1918. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private Evans volunteered to assist in aiding his wounded comrades, leaving his place of safety, during an intense bombardment. While performing this meritorious work, he himself was killed. Home address, Nelson Evans, father, Soldier, Carter county, Ky.

First Serg. Corbett Meeks, Co. H, 11th Inf. For extraordinary heroism in action near Cunel, France, Oct. 21, 1918. During a counter-attack First Serg. Meeks advanced alone over open country, under heavy machine gun fire, to a sniping point, and by his efficient resistance, greatly aided in the breaking up of the counter attack. Home address, Mrs. Myrtle Nickell, sister, Lee City, Wolfe county, Ky.

Corp. Thomas Gassaway, Co. B, 6th Inf. For extraordinary heroism in action near Fontaine, France, Nov. 7, 1918. Corp. Gassaway, accompanied by three other soldiers, volunteered and went out under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire to rescue a wounded comrade. Failing in the first attempt they again tried, and this time succeeded in bringing the wounded man to shelter. Home address, William Gassaway, Vanceburg, Lewis county, Ky.

## DRAFT EVADERS TO BE CLASSED AS DESERTERS

Frankfort.—After March 31 men who failed to comply with regulations preliminary to induction into military service will be handled by the same authority and in practically the same way as men who deserted after being physically present in the service.

Maj. Henry F. Rhodes, selective service officer, has notified local boards that their duties with regard to deserters will end on that date, when all records are expected to be sent to Washington.

In a bulletin issued today he called on the boards to have their records packed for shipment by March 15, and he is arranging for transportation of these at that time.

This practically will close the duties of the various boards, through which 486,739 were registered and from Kentucky 58,339 inducted into military service.

Engaged in this were 4,825 persons, including the advisory and district boards, and 4,000 of them have served without compensation.

The average cost of induction in the State has been \$6.39, which is \$1.51 less than the average for the nation.

## CASUALTY LIST

Among the wounded soldiers to arrive Saturday from overseas at Camp Taylor was Silas Hall, of Ellen, this county.

**GOOD OIL WELL.**  
Well No. 1 on the Conley, Carter & Burgess tract near Potter was drilled in Saturday. It is estimated to be one of the best wells in the field.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert Judd, 25, to Lillian Austin, 16. James Edgar Riffe, 31, to Birdie Carter, 22.

## COPLEY-SEMBOWER.

Miss Kittie Copley was married last Friday evening to Mr. Shirley Sembower at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Copley in Ashland, the Rev. W. C. Reeves officiating.

The bride, who is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, never looked prettier than on this occasion, when she wore a lovely blue suit. She is a cultured, refined and very popular girl and Mr. Sembower has made a wise selection for a partner in life. She was an active member in the Baptist church here for many years and is loved by all who know her. Mr. Sembower is a young man of sterling character and is a leading merchant in Connelsville.

The happy couple left soon after the ceremony for their home in Pennsylvania. We unite in wishing them a long and prosperous life.—Contributed.

## HUN HELMETS PRIZES FOR LOAN WORKERS

Washington.—\$5,000 captured German helmets, forwarded to the United States by Gen. Pershing, were sold by the War Department for \$1. The purchaser was Frank R. Wilson, publicity director of the Liberty Loan, who will ship the helmets from New York to district headquarters of the loan organization to be used as prizes for Victory Liberty Loan workers in the forthcoming campaign. The purchase was agreed upon after War Department lawyers had declared it was illegal for the Government to give away any materials.

## OUR SOLDIERS WANT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington.—Representative La Guardia, of New York, Republican, a Major in the air service during the war, speaking in the House in support of the League of Nations plan, declared that every one of the 2,000,000 American soldiers who were sent to France would favor a plan which would end war forever. The soldiers know what fighting is, he said, and for that reason will tolerate no partisan effort to defeat President Wilson in his efforts for a world society.

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## BIG SANDY NEWS.

## FROM UNCLE TIF.

Editor Big Sandy News:

Through your fine paper, I want to tell the people of Lawrence and Elliott counties about our democratic candidate for Legislature—E. E. Shannon. He is 47 years old. His father, James Shannon, fought on the Union side in the war of the Rebellion and then was sheriff of Lawrence county, one of the best sheriffs the county ever had, and Ernest was his deputy, a go-ahead man. Then Ernest started for himself and with his energy made a success, and we concluded to run him for the Legislature and Mr. Redwine, a very talented young man of Elliott county, has given way for Mr. Shannon and will canvass Lawrence and Elliott for Mr. Shannon, and we will elect Mr. Redwine next time he wants anything. Mr. Shannon was ready to fight to help France and England in this last fight if he had been called to do so. And we know that he will make an energetic, go-ahead representative, and every Democrat and soldier we believe will vote for him, for he will make us a fine representative for he has the brains and energy and is a friend to the poor men and soldiers and a great worker and a religious man and good and kind to the poor, and knows what our counties need and you will never regret it if you vote and work for him. And I desire that everyone of you will join some church and be a Christian and meet me in heaven for I love every one of your souls and desire to meet you there. I am now 79 years old and by the grace of my God am going there.

## UNCLE TIF MOORE.

## INEZ ITEMS

Atty. R. C. McClure, of Louisa, has been spending a few days in Inez.

Mr. C. C. Hinkle and family have taken charge of the Palace Hotel.

Judge A. J. Kirk, of Paintsville, and Wm. Kirk, of Kermit, were in Inez Tuesday.

Mr. A. Pearson purchased the property in the upper end of town from G. W. Ward. It is to be occupied by Tom Chapman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen have moved to Kermit.

Charles Weddington and family have moved to Wm. Ward's farm where he will till the soil this summer.

At a recent business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., the following officers were elected:

Pres., Miss Minnie Goble.  
V. Pres., Miss Mabel Kirk.  
Sec., Miss Mary Copley.  
Treas., Walter Maynard.  
Planist Miss Gladys Dempsey.

This C. E. holds regular services Sunday night in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Geo. T. Burgess of Georges creek is very ill at his home with typhoid fever.